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To: Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services waiver providers and consumers **From:** Nicole Norvell, Director, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services

Re: Waiver Amendments Approved

Date: June 20, 2014

The Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) recently announced Medicaid disability eligibility changes. Effective June 1, 2014, Indiana Medicaid changed the eligibility requirements for individuals who are aged, blind and disabled, as well as the Medicare Savings Program. These changes streamlined the eligibility/determination process, eliminated the unpopular spend down program and ultimately made health insurance coverage available to more low-income Hoosiers. More information is available on the <u>FSSA Medicaid Disability Eligibility Changes</u> webpage.

To implement these changes, all Indiana Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services waivers operated within FSSA had to be amended, which include the two waivers administered by the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS). The Community Integration and Habilitation Waiver (IN.0378.R02.06) and the Family Supports Waiver (IN.0387.R02.04) amendments were approved by CMS with an effective date of June 1, 2014, and are available on the DDRS Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services webpage.

Questions pertaining to these amendments may be directed to BQIS.Help@fssa.in.gov.

Note: Due to recently identified issues within the electronic Waiver Management System operated by CMS, unwelcomed extraneous characters appear in various sections of these amended waivers. The extraneous characters do not detract from the intent or meaning of our amendments and could not be removed by the State. Examples include the appearance of "", " \tilde{A} , \tilde{A} ", and " \tilde{A} f \hat{A} , \tilde{A} ", individually and in combination with narratives written by the State.

